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AMENDMENT OF THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the invention as follows:

System and method for monitoring the <u>proper operation</u> functioning of electrical components on a vehicle or a vehicle combination, where the system includes a control system, means for activating at least one electrical component, means for allowing in response to an operator-generated to give at least one message to the control system.[,] An answering function allows means for allowing the control system to give at least one message to the operator, and a measuring unit determines means for measuring at least one characteristic value for the components.